

**United Way of Lee, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 28, 2017**

**Minutes**

**Present:** John Clinger, Glo Cuiffi, Craig Folk, Amy Fontaine, David Fry, Chauncey Goss, Barbara Hagen, Larry Hart, Barbara Hartman, Patricia Heath, Beth Hendry, Elizabeth Hernandez, Jadira Hoptry, Michelle Hudson, Buddy Kubesh, Kevin Lewis, David Lucas, Paul Makurat, Mark Morris, Stan Nelson, James Nolte, Pat O'Donnell, Steve Pontius, Karen Ryan, Dean Schreiner, Robert Shearman, Tom Uhler, Bill Valenti, Mary Vlasak Snell, Mark Webb, Scott White

**Staff:** Kim Berghs, Danielle Brown, Nancy Coker, Diane Connell, Patrice Cunningham, Megan Fasig, Jeremy Gentile, Linda Hafner, Louise Hawthorne, Jeannine Joy, Nancy Olson, Hannah Pelle, Cliff Smith, Stephanie Teskey, Michael Willis

**Guests:** Susan Alexander – Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast  
Colin McKinney - Enterprise Holdings  
Reggie Snell

1. United Way Board Chair John Clinger called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the United Way Building with a quorum present.
2. The minutes of the March 31, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting were approved as presented.
3. Vice President of Campaign and Communications Jeannine Joy thanked Board members for all of their volunteer efforts as part of National Volunteer Appreciation Month.
4. The Live United segment highlighted a Fort Myers High School student who is being mentored by Colin McKinney of Enterprise Holdings as part of the Beyond School Walls program. The student had received a job from Buddy Kubesh at Publix and a car donated by Mary and Reggie Snell.
5. Alexis de Tocqueville Society Chair David Lucas and Planned Giving Chair Tom Uhler unveiled the new Alexis de Tocqueville Society Legacy Fund and announced that the first members were Jim and Pam Nolte who had let our United Way know of their intentions to include a gift of \$10 million in their estate plan.

6. Following a presentation by Treasurer Patricia Heath, the Board approved the revised 2017 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Board also reviewed the 2016 year-end financials. The 2017 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials will be distributed to Board members in the week following the Board meeting.
7. The Board reviewed the United Way Worldwide 2016 Membership Certification Standards and organizational self-assessment and authorized the President and Board Chair to sign that we are in compliance.
8. President Cliff Smith reviewed the United Way mission statement as it relates to providing services to immigrants who live and work in our community. He announced that our United Way would be hosting a seminar for our agencies on this issue in May and reminded the Board that our United Way does not advocate on social policy issues.
9. Following a report by Allocations Chair, Tom Uhler, the Board approved the following changes in allocations payments for 2017:
  - Amigos Center: Increase the 2017 allocation by \$5,000 toward Immigration Outreach in Sanibel, Captiva, and Harlem Heights. This will allow the agency to have an attorney on-site once per week to assist undocumented individuals.
  - American Red Cross: We have been holding funds for American Red Cross after the agency eliminated their Services for Armed Forces program that was originally funded. We will be retaining \$12,500 and will allocate the remaining \$12,500 to the agency for their Home Fire Campaign.
  - Goodwill Industries: Reduce the annual allocation by \$7,000 as they have eliminated their Okeechobee program.
10. It was announced that the Campaign Chairs for the 2017-2018 campaign would be John Clinger and Beth Hendry.
11. United Way staff announced several upcoming United Way events.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Clifford W. Smith  
President